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PATENT

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Applicant: Vincente Dias et al : Paper No.:
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For: Beta Recombinase in Eukaryotic Cells, Especially for Transgenic Work

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated July 19, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 27 and 28, drawn to a method for manipulating the genome of a plant, claims 29 and 30, drawn to a method for manipulating the genome of a pathogenic Gram positive bacteria, and claims 31 and 32, drawn to a method for manipulating the genome of plant.

Applicants hereby elect claims 29 and 30, drawn to a method for manipulating a genome of a pathogenic Gram positive bacteria. This election is made with traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine all of claims 27-32 in this application as all of the claimed methods are directed to manipulation methods which employ prokaryotic beta recombinase. Accordingly, examination of all of claims 27-32 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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